

In order to vary the scope of protection recited in Applicants claims, new Claims 6 and 7 have been added. New Claim 6 recites “wherein said film is partially varied in light transmittance.” Further, new Claim 7 recites the metal film “including opening portions and non-opening portions formed at a portion of said metal film corresponding to a display section of said florescent display device and a solid portion formed at peripheral portion of said metal film corresponding to a scaling section of said face plate.”<sup>2</sup> These features are not believed to be described in the prior art of reference. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also allowable over the cited prior art.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 2-7 is earnestly solicited.

Finally, the attention of the Patent Office is directed to the change of address of Applicants’ representative effective January 6, 2003:

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<sup>2</sup> The features of new Claims 6 and 7 find support in the original specification, as an example, on pages 7-8 and Figures 1-3, and thus those claims do not add any new matter.



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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice.

Please Amend Claims 2-5 as follow:

--1. (Canceled).

2. (Amended) A fluorescent display device as defined in claim [1]3, wherein said metal film is formed on a whole rear surface of said face plate.

3. (Amended) A fluorescent display device [as defined in claim 1 or 2,]  
comprising:  
a vacuum envelope constituted by a face plate, an anode-side substrate and  
side plates;  
cathodes arranged between said face plate and said anode-side substrate; and  
a metal film for a pseudo half mirror arranged on a rear surface of said face  
plate and including opening portions and non-opening portions[.];

wherein said metal film is made of aluminum.

4. (Amended) A fluorescent display device as defined in claim [1 or 2] 2 or  
3, wherein said opening portions and non-opening portions are arranged in a lattice-  
like manner.

5. (Amended) A fluorescent display device [as defined in claim 1 or 2,]  
comprising:

a vacuum envelope constituted by a face plate, an anode-side substrate and side plates;

cathodes arranged between said face plate and said anode-side substrate; and  
a metal film for a pseudo half mirror arranged on a rear surface of said face plate and including opening portions and non-opening portions[.];

wherein said metal film is formed with a void portion for [conforming]  
confirming deposition of a getter thereon.

6.-7. (New).--